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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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NORTHSTAR AVIATION, LLC, et al.,

Plaintiffs/Counterclaim Defendants,: Civil Action

vs. : No. 1:18cv191-

ALDEN BURT ALBERTO, : TSE-JFA

Defendant/Counterclaim Plaintiff. :

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF LYLE BECKA

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6 PROCEEDINGS in the Eastern District of Virginia? VIDEOGRAPHER: This is video number 1 in A. I do. the video recorded deposition of Lyle Becka, taken by Okay. Mr. Becka, have you ever had your defendant's counsel in the matter of NorthStar deposition taken before? Aviation, LLC, et al., Plaintiffs/counterclaim A. I have not. defendants, versus Alden Burt Alberto, Q. Have you ever testified in a court of law? defendant/counterclaim plaintiff, pending before the A. I have not. United States District Court for the Eastern of --Okay. You sat in for Ali's deposition, so excuse me, for the Eastern District of Virginia, Civil you kind of know the drill, but --10 A. I did. Action Number 1:18cv191. 11 11 This deposition is being held at the law Q. -- the most important thing about today is 12 office of Bertzwinger -- Berenzweig Leonard located at 12 that you and I understand each other. If I ask a 13 question and you don't understand it, please just say 8300 Greensboro Drive, McLean, Virginia, on November 13 14 14 6, 2018. The time is 9:32 a.m. My name is Nancy so, and I'm happy to rephrase. 15 Holmstock, video operator representing the firm of A. Okay. 16 Henderson Legal Services. Court reporter today is Liz Q. Everything that you are saying today is 17 17 Mingione in association with Henderson Legal Services. being transcribed by a court reporter, so you must 18 18 For the record, will counsel now please respond verbally and audibly. You understand that you 19 19 introduce themselves and whom they represent. are here testifying under oath, and that you must 20 20 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning. Nick Johnson testify truthfully. You understand that, right? with the law firm of Berenzweig Leonard, representing A. I do. 22 22 Mr Alberto Okay. If at any point throughout the 7 MR. LEONARD: Declan Leonard for the course of today's deposition you need to take a break, defendant/counterplaintiff Reno Alberto. I'm happy to do so, restroom, water, what have you. MR. FINLEY: And Clyde Findley, also for My only request is that if there is a question defendant Alden Burt Alberto. pending, I'd request that you answer the question and VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the court reporter then we can take a break. Is that fair? A. That is fair. please administer the oath. Q. Okay. Throughout the course of today's Whereupon, deposition, NorthStar's counsel may make various objections to preserve the record. But unless you are LYLE BECKA, 10 having been first duly sworn was directed not to respond, you understand that you need 11 examined and testified as follows: to answer my questions? 12 12 A. I do. 13 **EXAMINATION CONDUCTED** 13 Q. Okay. Let's just first start with who you 14 BY MR. JOHNSON: 14 talked to in preparation for today's deposition. 15 15 Q. Good morning, Mr. Becka. Other than counsel, who did you talk to about today's Good morning. deposition? 17 17 Q. Can you please state your name for the A. Just counsel. 18 18 record Q. Okay. Did you talk to Dr. Ahmed about 19 19 A. Lyle Becka. today's deposition? 20 20 Q. Mr. Becka, you understand that you are here 21 today to be deposed in the matter of NorthStar Okay. What about Salem AlDhaheri? Aviation versus Alden Burt Alberto, currently pending A. I did not.

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l .	performance under that contract?	1	A.	Yes.
2	A. No.	2	Q.	How much time did you spend talking about
3	Q. Okay. Is this litigation affecting the	3	this litig	gation?
4	staffing of that contract?	4	Α.	Not that long, maybe a minute.
5	A. No.	5	Q.	Did you indicate to General Toumajan that
6	Q. How is this litigation affecting your	6	he coul	ld be a witness in this case?
7	performance, if at all, under the UAE contract?	7	A.	No.
8	A. It is not.	8	Q.	What about Bell, have you talked to anyone
9	Q. Okay. What about subcontractors? Have you	9	at Bell	about this litigation?
10	talked to any of your subcontractors about this	10	A.	I made them aware of it. Yes.
11	litigation?	11	Q.	Who did you talk to?
12	A. I may have.	12	A.	Robert Dompka.
13	Q. Okay.	13	Q.	And what is his position?
14	A. Just to state that	14	A.	He is director of programs, I believe.
15	Q. I'm sorry?	15	Q.	And when did you talk to Mr. Tompko?
16	A. Just to state that, you know, we are in	16	A.	Dompka.
17	litigation.	17	Q.	Tompka. When did you talk to Mr. Tompka?
18	Q. Okay. Did they ask or did you volunteer	18	A.	It would have been March of 2018.
19	this information?	19	Q.	Okay. So shortly after the lawsuit was
20	A. They may have asked.	20	filed?	
21	Q. Okay.	21	A.	Yes.
22	A. I can't remember exactly who I spoke to.	22	Q.	Okay. And why did you talk to Mr. Dompka
	15			17
1	Q. You don't remember who you talked to?	1	about this	s litigation?
2	A. Not in total. No.	2	A. V	Ve were in discussions about the path
3	Q. Okay. When you were having discussions	3	forward	between NorthStar and Bell, and I figured they
4	with General Toumajan, did you talk about Reno	4	need to I	be aware of it.
5	specifically?	5	Q. V	Was that relationship damaged in some way?
6	A. Obviously I would have if he's the	6	A. It	was.
7	defendant in the case.	7	Q. A	And what do you mean by that? Elaborate.
8	Q. And what did you say about Reno?	8	A. It	was. They had very much planned to move
9	A. I said we have a pending lawsuit against	9	ahead w	ithout NorthStar on several fronts. When I
10	Reno.	10	went to I	Dubai air show, the their managing director
11	Q. And that's it?	11	for Midd	le East sales, he actually made the comment to
12	A. Hmm.	12	me that I	made his life more difficult because he had
13	Q. You didn't say anything about how he was as	13	already p	planned on this course of action of moving
14	CEO?	14	ahead w	ithout NorthStar. And with me coming back now,
15	A. Well, he knew he was the CEO.	15	he had to	o think about how Bell was going to react.
16	Q. Okay. Did you say anything about your	16		What's the current status of the situation
17	impressions on Reno as the CEO?	17	with Bell	
18	A. No.	18		Ve have a good relationship with Bell. We
19	Q. How long was the conversation?	19		ting together in certain areas. In certain
20	A. Probably five minutes.	20		e are working apart, but we have a good
21	Q. Did you talk about things other than this	21		ship with Bell.
22	litigation?	22	Q. C	Did you lose any opportunities with Bell?

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	s hard to tell.	2	ask about it?
	an you identify one?	3	A. He may have asked about it. I don't
	ot that no, not today I can't.	4	remember the exact conversation.
Q. U	kay. What are the projects that you are	5	Q. What's your understanding as to how
working w	ith Bell on since Mr. Alberto left the	6	Mr. Bardawil learned about it?
company:		7	A. I think he may have asked what's happening
. ^. ^!	project for the UAE Armed Forces and a	8	with Reno.
project iii	•	9	Q. And what was your response?
Q. na	ave those contracts been awarded?	10	A. I said, well, we have a you know, we are
A. III	ey have not.		pending litigation with Reno, so
Q. 30	orry?	11	Q. And that's it?
	ey have not.		A. Pretty much. Yeah.
	kay. Do they have have those	13	Q. Have you talked to anyone that used to work
-	nts issued an anticipated award date?		at Presidential Airways about this litigation?
	r the UAE, it's anticipated to be	15	A. Richard Pere.
December		16	Q. Anyone else?
Q. U	kay. And what's the value of that	17	A. Not that I can think of. No.
1	y with UAE?	18	Q. And, I'm sorry, Rich O'Pare, you said?
	proximately 62.7 million.	19	A. Pere.
	ow do you feel about your chances to win	20	Q. Pere. Okay. When did you talk to Mr.
that contra		21	Pere?
A. 99	percent.	22	A. Probably in the spring.
	19		21
1 Q. W	hat about Iraq?	1	Q. And tell me about the conversation with Mr.
	q, we feel good about it. With the	2	Pere about this litigation.
	n government, it's hard to tell but	3	A. Primarily that we had litigation moving
_	hat's the value of that contract?	4	forward.
1	8 million.	5	Q. How have you described the litigation?
1	nd so those are the two opportunities that	6	A. In what?
	rsuing with Bell, UAE and Iraq?	7	Q. Well, did you say it's going well? Did you
8 A. Ye	- · ·	8	say it's going poorly? How did you describe it?
1	ny others?	9	A. It was it was fairly early on that I had
	ot at this point.	10	the conversation with him because, you know, we just
	kay. Is it fair to say that you have a		filed it in was it February. So it would have been
	d relationship with Bell now?		fairly early on. Probably said I feel good about it
1	e do have a good relationship with Bell		because we are in the right.
14 now.	a a have a good foldationship with Deli	14	Q. What about Erik Prince? Have you talked to
1104.	kay. Have you ever talked to Philip	15	Erik Prince about this litigation?
16 Bardawil?	ay. There you ever tained to I fillip	16	A. Yes.
Dardawii:	n-hmm.	17	Q. When?
4. 01	d you talk to Mr. Bardawil about this	18	A. Last month.
litigation?	a you tain to wii. Dailawii about tiiis	19	Q. Tell me about that conversation.
illigation:	old him it was that we had the case	20	A. I gave him an update of the fact that we
²¹ pending.			are under litigation, and the value of it. And it was
pending.	d he volunteer that information or did he		part of an overall conversation I had with him last
II Q. DI	u ne volunteer that infollitation of the file		part of all overall conversation i had with him idst

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1	of that services agreement?	Q. Have you ever talked to the sheikh about
2	A. It was a vehicle to get NorthStar started.	² the services agreement?
(3)	Q. What's the status of that services	3 A. No.
(4)	agreement?	Q. Have you ever talked to Salem about the
(5)	A. I would imagine it's no longer valid.	5 services agreement?
(6)	Q. What makes you think that?	6 A. No.
7	A. If R2 is no longer a going concern, then	⁷ Q. Have you ever talked to Magda about the
8	how can it be a valid agreement.	8 services agreement?
9	Q. Are you aware of that agreement ever being	9 A. No.
10	terminated?	¹⁰ Q. Does magda still work for the company?
11	A. I'm not. No.	11 A. I don't know. Which company?
12	Q. When did you first learn about that	12 Q. NorthStar.
13	agreement?	A. She never worked for NorthStar.
14	A. I remember parts of it back in 2012.	14 Q. Okay. Who does she work for?
15	Q. Were you presented with the agreement?	¹⁵ A. I assume Rotana Jet. I don't know.
16	A. I think mostly because we were trying to	16 Q. Okay. How long were you employed by
17	figure out what what prices we would pay for	17 NorthStar?
18	services and how much we would pay for hangar rent.	¹⁸ A. Until whenever it started, until
19	Q. And why would you need to reference that	19 September 2017.
20	agreement then?	Q. And you subsequently obviously have been
21	A. I'm sorry?	reemployed by NorthStar, right?
22	Q. I just don't understand why you would need	²² A. Yes.
	55	57
2	to reference a services agreement for determining	Q. I'll just refer to that time frame from
3	rent?	when the company was formed, until September 2017,
4	A. It was in there.	just as your miliar employment.
5	Q. Okay. And so you personally reviewed the	A. Okay.
6	agreement?	 Q. With NorthStar. During your initial employment with NorthStar, was Dr. Ahmed, or the
7	A. I don't remember seeing all of it at the	
8	time.	Shelikh, was he involved in familing the company:
9	Q. But it's your understanding that the	A. Not that I know of. O Okay Are you aware of him performing any.
10	services agreement provided that one of the parties to	Q. Okay. Are you aware or fill performing any
11	that agreement was to provide rent or provide a leased	services for the company:
12	space?	A. I Wouldit know.
13	A. Yes.	Q. Okay. Sitting here today, can you trink
14	Q. Okay. And which company was that?	01
15	A. Rotana.	A. You are talking initial employment.
16	Q. Okay. Is it your understanding that the	Q. 163. 163.
17	parties operated and performed consistent with that	A. 110.
18	services agreement?	Q. Okay. Ob sitting here today, you can't
	MR. STREIT: Objection to form.	unit of a single uning that he did:
10	A. I don't know.	A. I would expect that he given his
19		
20	Q. Are you aware of them not performing under	Connections, I would expect that he was involved in
	Are you aware of them not performing under that agreement? A. I don't know.	21 securing the contract and forming NorthStar and 22 providing some weight to the NorthStar organization.

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Q. Okay. But you communicated with the State	¹ Q. Up to Dr. Said?
Department in response to Mr. Alberto's letter to the	² A. Yes.
State Department, right?	³ Q. Okay. Since being reemployed, how would
A. We sent the letter. We sent our letter	you characterize or how would you describe Dr. Saif's
changing the management representative and the change	5 involvement in the company?
of office location.	⁶ A. He is interested and engaged. He has
Q. Okay. And that was accepted, right?	communicated with the UAE government. He also
MR. STREIT: Object to the form.	⁸ approves every expenditure.
A. I believe so.	⁹ Q. Okay. And were there any other changes to
Q. That change was approved by the State	company operations that took place after you were
Department?	11 reemployed?
A. I believe so. Yes.	A. Could you explain in a little more detail?
Q. Okay. Okay. And you didn't lose any	Q. Sure. You know what, let me hand you a
business as a result of the letter that Mr. Alberto	document, actually. I would like this to be marked as
sent?	15 Exhibit 4.
A. Not that I know of.	
Q. Okay. And what about the letter to the UAE	(A document was marked as Deposition
AF? You didn't lose any business as a result of that	18 Exhibit 4.)
(letter either, right?) A. I wouldn't know.	
Q. (Well sitting here today, can you identify)	DT WK. JOHNSON.
	Q. Mr. Becka, do you recognize this document?
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